

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0285] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0285] Preferably, the compound containing lithium is Li_2CO_3 , the compound containing sodium is Na_2CO_3 , the compound containing potassium is K_2CO_3 , the compound containing niobium is Nb_2O_5 , the compound containing tantalum is Ta_2O_5 , and the compound containing antimony is Sb_2O_5 or Sb_2O_3 . The additive is preferably at least one type selected from Ag_2O , Al_2O_3 , Au , Au_2O_3 , B_2O_3 , H_3BO_3 , BaO , BaO_2 , BaCO_3 , Bi_2O_3 , CaO , CaCO_3 , CeO_2 , $\text{Ce}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$, CoO , Co_3O_4 , CoCO_3 , Cs_2CO_3 , CuO , Cu_2O , Dy_2O_3 , Er_2O_3 , Eu_2O_3 , Fe_2O_3 , Ga_2O_3 , Gd_2O_3 , GeO_2 , HfO_2 , $[[\text{HoO}_3]]$ Ho_2O_3 , In_2O_3 , IrO_2 , Ir_2O_3 , La_2O_3 , Lu_2O_3 , MgO , MgC_2O_4 , MnO , MnO_2 , Mn_2O_3 , Mn_3O_4 , Nd_2O_3 , Nd_2CO_3 , NiO , NiCO_3 , PdO , Pr_2O_3 , Pr_6O_{11} , $\text{Pr}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$, PtO_2 , Rb_2O , Rb_2CO_3 , Re_2O_7 , RuO_2 , Sc_2O_3 , SiO_2 , SiO , SiC , Sm_2O_3 , SnO , SnO_2 , SrO , SrCO_3 , Tb_4O_7 , TiO , Ti_2O_3 , TiO_2 , Tm_2O_3 , V_2O_3 , V_2O_4 , $[[\text{V}_2\text{O}_6]]$ V_2O_5 , Y_2O_3 , $\text{Y}_2(\text{CO}_3)_3$, Yb_2O_3 , ZnO , and ZrO_2 . In this case, it is possible to easily fabricate the piezoelectric ceramic composition.

Please replace Paragraph [0350] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0350] In the 33rd aspect of the invention, preferably the compound containing lithium is Li_2CO_3 , the compound containing sodium is Na_2CO_3 , the compound containing potassium is K_2CO_3 , the compound containing niobium is Nb_2O_5 , the compound containing tantalum is Ta_2O_5 , the compound containing antimony is Sb_2O_5 or Sb_2O_3 , and the additive is at least one type selected from MgO , MgCO_3 , CaO , CaCO_3 , SrO ,

[[SrO₃]] SrCO₃, BaO, and BaCO₃. In this case, it is possible to easily fabricate the piezoelectric ceramic composition of the 27th aspect of the invention.

Please replace Paragraph [0490] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0490] Next, these materials and at least one compound of Ag₂O, Al₂O₃, Au, Au₂O₃, B₂O₃, H₃BO₃, BaO, BaO₂, BaCO₃, Bi₂O₃, CaO, CaCO₃, CeO₂, Ce₂(CO₃)₃, CoO, Co₃O₄, CoCO₃, Cs₂CO₃, CuO, Cu₂O, Dy₂O₃, Er₂O₃, Eu₂O₃, Fe₂O₃, Ga₂O₃, Gd₂O₃, GeO₂, HfO₂, [[HoO₃]] Ho₂O₃, In₂O₃, IrO₂, Ir₂O₃, La₂O₃, Lu₂O₃, MgO, MgC₂O₄, MnO, MnO₂, Mn₂O₃, Mn₃O₄, Nd₂O₃, Nd₂CO₃, NiO, NiCO₃, PdO, Pr₂O₃, Pr₆O₁₁, Pr₂(CO₃)₃, PtO₂, Rb₂O, Rb₂CO₃, Re₂O₇, RuO₂, Sc₂O₃, SiO₂, SiO, SiC, Sm₂O₃, SnO, SnO₂, SrO, SrCO₃, Tb₄O₇, TiO, Ti₂O₃, TiO₂, Tm₂O₃, V₂O₃, V₂O₄, [[V₂O₆]] V₂O₅, Y₂O₃, Y₂(CO₃)₃, Yb₂O₃, ZnO, and ZrO₂ were mixed by compositions of the compound {Li_{0.04}(K_{0.5}Na_{0.5})_{0.96}} (Nb_{0.86}Ta_{0.1}Sb_{0.04}))O₃ containing the metal elements included in the above additives in the piezoelectric ceramic compositions to obtain 47 types of formulations. The elements added may be present in the crystal grains of the piezoelectric ceramic compositions or at the crystal grain boundaries.